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**NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY**  
**Office of Youth Programs**  
**SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM 2015**

The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES) is soliciting grant applications to support the delivery of a variety of workforce exploration and experience-based programs that will provide purposeful and developmentally appropriate employment and career exploration opportunities.

Applicants must employ the youth development philosophy in their approach and program design. DOES is seeking proposals for high quality summer youth employment programs that will help improve the outcomes for the District's youth. The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) strives to:

- Offer District youth an opportunity to develop the skills, attitudes, and commitment necessary to succeed in today's world of work;
- Provide a mechanism through which eligible youth can earn money, gain meaningful work experience, participate in skills training workshops, and be exposed to various careers;
- Enhance basic academic, occupational, and other skills necessary for youth to obtain and maintain long-term employment; and
- Help youth make a smooth transition from school to career and/or higher education.

Applicants will be required to deliver project-based learning components as part of their programming.

Project-based learning engages and motivates participants in active learning processes by using real problems, materials, and tasks to produce outcomes as opposed to "make work" activities. In order to create a standardized model of summer youth employment and allow the outcomes from summer youth programming to be more easily codified, applicants are required to provide skills training to reinforce the goals set for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

**Available Funding for Awards:** The total amount of funding that DOES anticipates to be available for this award is \$600,000.00, pending availability of funds. The funds for the Summer Youth Employment Program are made available through District of Columbia appropriations of federal and local funds.

Total budgets for proposed summer youth employment programming must fall between \$6,000 (serving 15 participants) and \$32,000 (serving 80 participants), based on the established per participant rate of \$400.00.

**Eligibility:** Applicant's primary vision and program focus must be serving children, youth, and/or families within the District of Columbia. Applicant must be in good financial standing with the DC Office of Tax and Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service, as well as follow all appropriate financial reporting standards. Applicant cannot be listed on the federal or District excluded parties' lists.

**Length of Awards:** Grant awards will be made for a period of six (6) months. Duration of actual SYEP 2015 program is six (6) weeks.

**Anticipated Number of Awards:** DOES anticipates making at least two (2) awards and may make multiple awards depending on funding availability and responsiveness of applicants.

**SYEP Operating Sites:** Applicants intending to use DCPS space to operate their SYEP programs must follow the DCPS Office of Out-of-School Time fall vetting process. **The fall vetting cycle for new organizations to provide programming in a DCPS location opens on Friday, October 3, 2014 and closes on Friday, November 7, 2014.** Applications submitted after the November 7, 2014, deadline **will not be considered** for Spring of SY14-15.

To obtain information on the vetting process, please visit the Office of Out-of-School Time Programs located on the DCPS Afterschool Programs [website](#).

**How to Obtain the RFA:** The Request for Application (RFA) will be released on **Friday, November 7, 2014 via the ARIBA eSourcing Module**. The RFA will be available on the following websites:

- DOES website: [www.does.dc.gov](http://www.does.dc.gov)
- OCP website: <http://ocp.dc.gov/service/ocp-solicitations>
- DC Grants Clearinghouse: <http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse>

For more information regarding this grant opportunity, potential applicants may contact the DOES Grants Office by email at [doesgrants@dc.gov](mailto:doesgrants@dc.gov) or via phone at 202-671-3100.

**The deadline for online application submission is  
Monday, December 15, 2014, at 2:00pm EST.**